Committee to Elect Tom O'Malley Po Box 2637 Ocean Bluff, Ma. 02065 9/7/2016

Dear Ms. Rawls:

We are in receipt of a complaint to the FEC stating we were soliciting cash donations. The charge is actually without merit and based on an endorsement written by a Sailor I served with several years ago. This message was posted to a private group. When we were adding endorsements to our website, we included this particular one. Senior Chief Petty Winegard is known for his sarcasm and that is exactly how that comment was intended. The fact I failed to remove the Hatch Act comment before posting is entirely our fault and quite frankly we did not think anything about it. We have not solicited nor have we accepted any cash donations. I have included a signed letter from Senior Chief Winegard that hopefully makes clear this was not a vehicle that we planned to use to solicit cash donations. Clearly, my opponent and his minions have little else to do than scour my website and Facebook pages for errors. If you need any further information or have any questions please feel free to contact the campaign. Thank you and I apologize for the time you have had to waste on this issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. O'Malley Jr.